

Arlington Recycling Committee
Minutes of 4/5/12

Present: Co-Chair Gordon Jamieson, DPW Recycling Coordinator Charlotte Milan, Eric Helmuth, Secretary Pete Howard

1 DPW Report: The new contract should be signed this month. Town Counsel is reviewing,. Solid waste tonnage is "about the same" as last month - details not provided. The electronic waste collection will no longer accept microwaves. 13 compost bins sold at Eco Fest at subsidised price of \$40. Still available at DPW for \$53. Concern whether ewaste collection diversion is worth the effort.

2 Recycling promotional activities:

New contract promotion

Town Meeting - Depending on DPW Director

Mailer being developed. No deadlines set yet

Group suggested 3 new things (weekly recycling, weekly yard waste, 3 barrels

Charlotte plans an outreach to Town employees.

She also would like to set up a hot line to record Q's for her to answer

Concern w/ commercial pickup w/ more than 3 barrels - Policy unknown

Will clubs & churches be required to pay for more than 3 barrels?

What about Town buildings?

Community Collection Day Sat 5/12

Charlotte provided a draft flyer (Ref 1)

She will arrange for a sign board at Town Hall & Advocate announcement

Volunteers will be organized at 5/3 mtg

Uncle Sam posters - Eric has a digital version ready if needed,

It includes the new web address

Better to distribute in Sept.

School end-of-year clean out

Gordon recommended steps taken last year: 2/collections that week,
call Got Books

Blue bags: \$5000 worth on order

3. Pending projects discussed briefly

DEP grants for organic waste separation

Rigid plastic

Styrofoam : Company in Framingham charges \$150 for each dumpster.

Library bin

Gypsum board

Mattresses & furniture

Curbside sales - email connection

Schedule of future meetings - First Thursday of each month: 5/3

Ref 1 CCD Flyer Draft



Community Collection Day

May 12, 2012

9 am – 1 pm

DPW Yard at 51 Grove Street



Clothing: clean used clothing, shoes, accessories and linens will be collected by Big Brother/Big Sister Association.



Books: all types big/small, old/new, fiction/non-fiction, textbooks, VHS tapes, DVDs, CDs. Collected for Little Fox and Stratton School's Got Books bin.

Paper: junk mail, catalogs, newspapers and magazines (NO cardboard)



Shredding: The first two boxes are free, there is a \$5 fee for each additional box. Businesses pay for every box. Papers transported in a locked truck for shredding off site.



Adult bicycles: donate to Bikes Not Bombs

Bikes are repaired and shipped overseas.

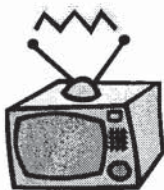
Badly rusted bikes will not be accepted.

A \$10 contribution is requested to offset cost of shipping.

Returnable cans and bottles: collected by AHS.



Scrap metal items: Pipes, metal shelves, metal desks, file cabinets (no large appliances).



Electronics: Drop off TVs and Computer Monitors for \$10.00 per item. (Curbside pickup is \$15 and requires an appointment, call 781-316-3108) FREE drop off for laptops and small appliances such as toasters, printers, and all types of phones (NO microwaves)

Propane tanks: no fee up to 20 lbs

Batteries: All types (excluding alkaline) will be collected and recycled

Sharps and unused medications: Arlington Board of Health

www.arlingtonma.gov/recycle